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DAILY STAFF MEETING

Thursday, 13 September 1951

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Mr. [redacted] raised the propriety of CIA field employees commenting on approved estimates. He stated that he believed such comments should be furnished first to the Agency and not direct to the requestor as was done in the case of SE-5. [redacted]

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[redacted] After further discussion Mr. Reber was directed to look into this matter in order that an SOP might be established to handle future cases of this nature.

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Colonel [redacted] noted that:

a. There was to be a Senior NSC Staff Meeting today.

b. [redacted]

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Colonel Hansen reported that PBA had agreed to make our acquisition of [redacted] a classified matter.

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Mr. Reber reported that he had attended a Watch Committee meeting yesterday and was impressed with the job now being done. He indicated General [redacted] attitude was "good" and that our representatives appeared to handle themselves in a more aggressive fashion. Mr. Reber noted that it was his opinion our people should comment as necessary on all matters before the Committee and not merely confine themselves to those items of direct interest to CIA. Mr. [redacted] stated that his main objection to Watch Committee reports was the fact that they did not contain information from "all sources".

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Mr. Reber raised the question of the usefulness of the Situation Room and stated that very few people, if any, from ONE attended briefings. In this connection he stated that possibly ONE was usually cognizant of the information furnished at these briefings. Mr. [redacted] stated that he did not believe this was correct, and he felt there was room for improvement in the caliber of briefings produced by our current situation people and if these briefings were substantially improved the proper people could not afford to miss them.

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[redacted] noted that:

- a. Our preliminary budget estimate for '53 was about completed.
- b. [redacted] was reporting today for duty as our Chief, Procurement Office.

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